

MUSINGS OF AN ONLOOKER (BY H.J.M.)

YOUTH AND POLITICS

The ideas expressed in this talk are the personal opinions of the speaker and are also those which I believe are held by a large number of young people. It would be unwise to believe that everyone will agree with the following ideas since for the sake of brevity, generalizations will be made which are not entirely accurate.

The chief purpose of this talk is to refreshen our minds in several of the fundamental aspects of a Democracy.

The traits commonly attributed to youth are enthusiasm, ambition and idealism. These three characteristics are outstanding and might be said to be those which distinguish youth from age, for with age is developed a breadth of experience and knowledge, bringing about a more realistic view of life based on the possible and opportune, rather than the ideal. Maturity also holds a more patient and tolerant attitude towards the youthful characteristics of enthusiasm and idealism.

In a Democratic type of government every element of the community should be represented and the representation should be given to the people within that community. Both youth and age should be considered but never one at the expense of the other. The more successful results will be obtained by a close co-operation between youth and maturity since each may complement the other to make steady progress and improvement possible.

A Democracy should always maintain enthusiasm, ambition and idealism and at the same time should be experienced, realistic and tolerant. It should be more representative of the electorate if they strike a proper balance between youth and maturity and if they represent the main element of each. This co-operation is not always readily obtained but must be encouraged and developed. The younger generation is often suspicious of the older more because of a lack of appreciation and understanding than for any other reason. This appreciation and understanding and confidence are essential in a Democracy in bringing together a people within a Democracy.

The glaring example of what youth can do when well organized is to be found in Germany. There, Hitler depends upon the part of the population in its early manhood and womanhood for most of his support. This younger element has been misled, misguided enthusiasm and idealism and a willingness to sacrifice, has made it possible for Hitler to go against the desires of many and to seriously threaten our civilization. When enthusiasm is untempered with reason; when ambition is unbridled; and when idealism is blind more bad than good will result, but with proper guidance and good leadership this energy might be of inestimable worth, not only for the nation but for the world.

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ELABORATE PLAN FOR AIR TRAINING SCHEME MADE PUBLIC THIS WEEK

Following are some of the highlights of the Empire air training plan announced by the Prime Minister Macdonald King:

Estimated cost of the plan for three years is \$600,000,000 with Canada's share \$200,000,000.

Plan will require establishment in Canada of 67 schools of all types. Nearly 50,000 men required to carry out plan, exclusive of students.

About 60 new air fields to be constructed and 20 existing fields enlarged. United Kingdom to grant most of the aircraft including engines and spare parts as her share in cost.

Canada, Australia and New Zealand to contribute to total cost in proportion to use made of plan by pupils from those countries.

Program to be administered by the Dominion government with supervisory board on which governments of four countries concerned will be represented.

Pilot training to take about 26 weeks, observers 22 weeks and gunners 20 weeks.

Joint training program calls for turning out "many thousands" of pilots each year, about three-fifths as many air observers and a slightly larger number of air gunners than pilots.

Plan calls for three large ground schools, an untested number of elementary flying schools, 10 air observer schools, 20 bombing and gunnery schools, two air navigation schools, and four wireless training schools. Also schools for instructors, ground crews and maintenance men.

THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

The time draws near the birth of Christ.

The moon is high; the night is still; The Christmas bells from hill to hill Answer each other in the mist.

—Tennyson.

A light shower Tuesday night made streets slippery for a time on Wednesday. The weather is mild and the moisture soon soaked into the ground.

DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Rev. and Mrs. Macdonald and family returned Saturday from Edmonton where they attended the diamond wedding anniversary of Mrs. Macdonald's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Ball, on Friday, December 15th. Mr. and Mrs. Ball were married 60 years ago in Prince Edward Island, on December 17. They came to Alberta in 1906 and have resided in the Province ever since. Both are well and able to do their own work and they received over 100 guests in the afternoon, while in the evening a family banquet was held in the Corona Hotel.

LADY ROBERTS I.O.E. HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Lady Roberts Chapter I.O.E. held its annual Christmas party on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Otto Schlick. In the Find Your Name contest Miss Grace Cameron was the winner. Mrs. C. Friesen won the most content from a drawn with Mrs. C. Friesen. Mrs. J. Smith won the "show ball" contest, and Mrs. C. Oliphant won the "Christmas tree" contest.

Mrs. C. Oliphant was Santa Claus and presented the members with presents.

Mrs. Smith on behalf of the Chapter presented Mrs. Friesen (nee Mory) Oliphant with a silver comforter. The party was brought to a close following the serving of a turkey luncheon.

THE WORLD OF WHEAT REVIEWED WEEKLY BY MAJOR H.G.L. STRANGE

Some people have complained about the cost of relief given to farmers in 1939. Recently I had the opportunity of investigating this matter. At different times I have seen the wheat of the successive years of poor crops I asked a number of men and women how they felt about the situation. They said: "We could not have survived had it not been for Government relief."

One Friday evening I visited a country dance. Some 200 boys and girls and their elders were there. By chance I met the official in charge of relief. "What yardsticks do you use in giving relief?" I asked. "See the good spirits and courage of all these people," he answered. "Most of them are three months ago had been on relief for years. Look at those sturdy youngsters, physically sound with keen alert minds. They are the 'yardsticks' we use. Some of these kids will join the army and others will produce food, stuffs, and all are in good physical condition to do valuable and needed work for Canada during this war time."

NEW HIGHWAY SIGNS TO BE PUT OUT NEXT SPRING

Placing of new highway signs on all main roads in this province will be commenced by the provincial government next spring, according to information released by Hon. W.A. Fallow, minister of public works. The minister said the signs will be placed on all main roads that have been permanently altered or are in the process of completion.

The Alberta Motor Association has assured the province of its full cooperation in regard to obtaining the proper type of road signs and placing them at the best possible locations.

An adequate system of up-to-date road signs will be particularly needed next year when the tourist movement to this province will show a big gain.

LONG YEARS AGO

The oyster supper in the Farmers Ex Hall on Wednesday evening last under the auspices of the UFA and UPWA was well attended. E. J. Garland, M.P., and A.R. Clappold M.L.A. were the main speakers.

A quiet wedding was solemnized in Calgary on Monday, December 17, when Mrs. M. Smith and Mr. Wilfred Foxon Sr. of Carleton were united in marriage.

The local elimination for the contestants of Carleton in the ornamental contest was held in the school Monday and Wilfred Foxon was named the winner.

High John Macdonald won in a similar contest held at Mt. Royal College, Calgary, last Friday.

The Builders Hardware Stores Ltd. have purchased the Wilkinson Hardware Stores at Glenora, Strathmore and Carleton and will take over the business the first of the year. Jas. McLeod will continue to manage the store at Carleton.

FORMER CARBON YOUTH HAS NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH IN HOLD-UP

William Dees received injuries to the head and hand, and William Colvin a former Carbon boy, had his head crushed by a bullet when they foiled an attempt to hold up the Newcastle pool room near Drumheller, on Tuesday night last week.

Shortly after 11 p.m. Tuesday, William Dees, proprietor of the pool room, David Thomas and William Colvin were discussing a game of pool when the door opened and a man walked in a large red bandana handkerchief covering his face. Thrusting forward a revolver he walked to the back of the room and demanded that Colvin turn over his money. Colvin told the man he had no money and he was then told to lay down on the floor. The bandit then walked over to Dees and nudged him with the revolver. Dees being out and dumb, could not understand what the man was saying, but knowing he wanted money he waved to the pool room near Drumheller, on Tuesday night last week.

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WASH HOUSE DESTROYED

Fire destroyed the wash house at the Carbon Black Mills early Thursday morning of last week. The fire was caused shortly before 7 a.m. and woke up most of the town people, but nothing could be done to save the structure, which was already a flaming mass.

Cause of the fire was thought to be from clothes being accidentally ignited by miners with carbide lamps. Many miners lost their work clothes and mine boots, and there was a rush Thursday morning at the local stores for new apparel.

THE TURKEY IS SAID TO BE KING OF ALL POULTRY

There was a time when poultry was considered a luxury on the average western Canadian dinner table. But that time has passed. With the changes in production and marketing conditions, poultry has become an everyday meal. It is no longer a luxury. Turkey meat has that quality of succulence that makes it a "hands down" favorite wherever it is served. As it is good to eat, good to taste and good to smell.

And here's a tip for the housewife to be sure how big a turkey she ought to buy for the company that's coming next Sunday. As a rough figure it is fairly safe to allow two lbs. of turkey for every person to be served.

By working on this basis the housewife can save her turkey the embarrassment of finding himself faced with the task of carving a bulky bird which is not large enough to provide for all the hungry mouths at the table.

Turkey weights range from six to 20 pounds. For this reason there is a bird to fit every occasion. The big birds are used mostly by hotels, restaurants and institutions. Just because a turkey is big doesn't mean the meat drops any of the fine flavor and texture which people seem to think is long only to the smaller birds.

The turkey is the king of birds in the poultry world. The principal course in the first notable feast of the Pilgrim fathers over 300 years ago was turkey. Since that time epicures everywhere have glorified the turkey and it has taken a conspicuous place as a table delicacy.

The turkey had its origin in North America. There are many varieties of

LITTLE ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Mr. and Mrs. A. Cressman expect to leave this week for Spokane, where they will spend Christmas with relatives.

Miss Lorraine Downey entertained her Sunday School class last Wednesday afternoon at a jolly Christmas party.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Emery, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. McAlga motored to Rimby Thursday and returned Friday, after visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cunningham.

Ruben Gablehouse, who is working on a farm near Calgary, spent Sunday at his home in Carbon.

Game played at Beveridge Lake Sunday.

Vic Hawkins is around this week gathering up nickels for the Nickel Club, to provide Christmas dinners for those unable to enjoy such luxuries. Mr. Hawkins has collected around 300 nickels during the past few days.

FOUND—Scoop shovel and tarp. The owner may have same by proving claim and paying for this advertisement.—Carbon Chronicle.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Castiglione and Mr. and Mrs. Godding motored to Calgary last Thursday and returned on Friday.

Christmas Services will be held in the Carbon United Church on Sunday evening at 7 p.m., instead of the usual hour in the morning. Special music by the choir, with leadership by the C.G. I.T. Groups. Everybody welcome.

Don't forget the Mid-Nite Frolic in the Farmers' Exchange hall, Carbon, on January 1st, commencing at 12:01 a.m.

The annual Christmas concert of the Carbon school will be held in the Farmers' Exchange hall, Carbon, on Friday evening, December 22. Admission, Adults 25¢; children free.

The Christmas concert at Webb was held Tuesday, and the Ardleigh concert was held Wednesday night.

SOCIAL CREDITERS MEET IN CONVENTION AT ACME

The annual Social Credit Convention for the Calgary constituency was held at Acme last Tuesday afternoon with delegates being present from all parts of the riding.

The following officers were elected: Hon. Pres., Hon. William Aberhart, Hon. Vice-Pres., E.P. Foster, M.L.A., President, M. Weber, Drumheller, Vice-Pres., W.A. Braisher, Carbon, Sec. Vice-Pres., H. Hamnell, Carleton Place, Arthur Wheeler, Acme, Delegates to Provincial Convention, M. Weber and W.A. Braisher.

CARBON AND DISTRICT NEWS NOTES

Miss Elaine Torrance, and Francis Paxon, who are attending Mount Royal College in Calgary, are home for the Christmas holidays.

The A.P. Glick family were Calgary visitors Tuesday.

Harold Edwards of Calgary has been visiting for the past week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Edwards.

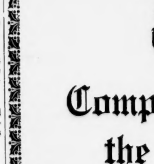
Mrs. E. Sellens and daughter Sandra of Edmonton arrived in Carbon Wednesday to spend Christmas with Mrs. Sellens' parents, Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Nash.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Fairbank and Bill, and Mr. and Mrs. W. Rollwell of Calgary spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Torrance. Mrs. Fairbank and Mrs. Rollwell remained in Carbon until Tuesday, when they returned to the city with Mrs. Torrance.


The bird throughout the world but are descended from the wild turkeys of this continent.

In Spain huge flocks of domesticated turkeys when they conquered Mexico centuries ago.

Pedro Nini, in 1599, was probably the first turkey buyer. He bought some birds from the North American Indians at the rate of four glass beads for each bird. The Indians had known the turkey as a delicacy long before the white man ever landed in America.



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Live And Let Live

Upon the terms of settlement subsequently, will depend the success or otherwise of the war in which Canada, along with the rest of the British Empire and France, is now combat to rid Germany and the world of Nazism and all that that dread word entails.

Not only is it essential that Nazism be uprooted in Germany but such provision must be made that it cannot in future successfully rear its ugly head again in Germany or in any other country of the world. Unless safeguards against this danger are erected when the war is over the conflict will have been in vain.

Hence the importance of the terms of settlement which will be imposed upon the vanquished by the victors and the measures which must be provided, by mutual agreement among the peace loving countries of the world, to make a repetition of the German experiment, either in that unhappy country or elsewhere, dangerous and impossible.

This implies that the terms which the Allies may impose upon Germany must not be inspired by any vengeful motive. Even though it may entail some sacrifices on the part of the democracies, a conquered Germany must be given every opportunity to rehabilitate herself, maintain her self respect in the eyes of the rest of the world and re-instate herself financially and commercially as an industrial power, but as a democratic one in which her people have restored to them the right to live their own lives. "Live and let live" must be the guiding principle of the terms of settlement.

Otherwise, there will be no guarantee against the outbreak of another conflagration within a decade or generation or two. A Germany crushed to the wall will provide the seed for a future harvest of death.

Fortunately this belief is gaining ground among the democratic peoples and there is every evidence, unless sentiment changes in the meantime, that some such policy is likely to be evolved around the peace council table when the time comes to decide what the outcome of this war shall be. Many writers, some of them of international fame, have been expressing this view, though necessarily with differing approaches and different solutions of the problem.

Peace Desired

The objective of this war is to get rid of the Nazi regime, not only for the sake of the German people themselves but to ensure the protection of the freedom-loving people of the democracies.

This raises the question whether or not the German people want to be saved from the hideous doctrine and practices of Nazism in which they are now enmeshed. They do, if Hermann Raushing, former president of the Danzig Senate, in a stirring appeal to his compatriots in his own country, is correct and they do their share in getting rid of this menace of Hitlerism, which appeared in a recent issue of Die Zukunft, published in Paris.

Non in exile, Herr Raushing writes: "The German people bear no responsibility for this crime (the invasion of Poland). The German people desire to live in peace and in friendship with their neighbors. . . . Unaware that to-morrow the whole world may be arrayed against the rule of the mailed fist, unaware that this war must lead to utter ruin and destruction of the German people, millions of men and women in the Reich have but one thought: 'Put an end to it, we've had enough'."

"You Germans, do you want to die? We appeal to you. We appeal to you not to stand by idly. Officers and soldiers, we appeal to you. Not another shot. Workers in factories we appeal to you: Cease work. We appeal to the sincere members of the National Socialist Party. This catastrophe isn't what you fought for. Hitler's policies had to disaster. A determined nation is invincible. Tyrants may execute thousands but they cannot slaughter millions."

Authority Needed

If Herr Raushing has accurately intimated the temper of the great majority of the German people, there will be no internal difficulty in disposing of the problem of self-government for Germany which might perhaps take the form of a federation of German states, as suggested by Harold Nicholson, writing in the October issue of Nineteenth Century and After, London, in which he says:

"It is not fantastic to suppose that a new German Empire could be created on a federal basis with its capital in Vienna and with the former German states enjoying local autonomy. Everything possible, including the restoration of the Hapsburgs and of some colonial possessions should be done to safeguard the self-esteem and happiness of this Fourth Reich. Its economic future should be assured by a customs union with a Danubian Federation in the East."

But no matter what is done in Germany herself it will be imperative for the democracies to set up some form of international authority, with sufficient power to see that its rules are enforced, to prevent any recurrence of what has been happening in the past few years, either in Germany or any other country in the world.

Surrendered Her Interests

Nazi Regime Allowed Russia To Take Over Baltic States

A recent statement of German war aims announced intention to expand German borders to the limit of Germany's historic interests. It sounds strange in view of the surrender of Germany's historic interests in the Baltic States to Soviet Russia.

If the statement is not meaningless it indicates Germany may have a plan for dealing with Russia in the event of a hoped-for victory over Great Britain and France.

If any country ever had a historic interest anywhere, Germany had one in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. Yet that interest was surrendered so completely that German people resident in those countries for centuries are forced to move out and settle in Germany, leaving most of their property behind them.

Estonia and Latvia were conquered in the 13th century by the Knights of the Teutonic Order who established themselves as the ruling class. Although sovereignty of the states changed from time to time from Sweden to Poland and then to Russia, the Teutons always retained their privileges.

They were the land-owners, the merchants, the bankers, the industrialists. Germans also occupied leading positions in Lithuania.

The Russian revolution and the subsequent liberation of the three states from Russian rule destroyed the privileges of the German class. But only after German forces were defeated on the ground in 1919. Many Germans in middle class positions, however, escaped the wrath of the liberated Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania, retained their property and carried on business there. Instead of attempting to restore the historic German interest the Nazi regime surrenders the last remaining trace of it.

A Hazardous March

When Scarlet-Coated Men Brought Law And Order To Western Prairies

Sixty-five years ago a little band of scarlet-coated men completed a hazardous 1,000-mile march across the then largely unknown vastness of the prairies. It was one of the longest marches ever made by an organized force in the history of the British race. It was a march, in course of duty, to bring law and order to a country that was being opened to the settlers and farmers that was to become through the years one of the world's most famous wheat granaries, with cities and towns springing up like magic on broad wind-swept surfaces.

Three hundred men made that trip in 1874. To-day there are 100,000 of that original company left. Sunday the memory of this gallant band of men, who, pushed forward with interdict during into a far and unknown area, was saluted anew in a ceremony at Royal Canadian Mounted Police headquarters in Regina. A tablet commemorating the courage of these men was unveiled by the present-day head of the company, Captain W. Parker.

The years pass swiftly, and we tend to forget brave men who helped make our present-day life possible. We should never forget the service and sacrifice of those who came before us to this western country. This tablet at the Mounted Police barracks will help us recall the courage and fortitude of the swift-riding men who made these prairies a land of law and order recognized as such throughout the world. — Regina Leader-Post.

Many Uses For Plastics

Estimating current plastics production in the United States at 1,000,000 tons, a general manager, A. E. Pitcher, points out that the plastics industry is growing rapidly. In Boston, for example, plastics now are being made to simulate bone, horn, ivory, semi-precious stones, wood, metal, and scores of other common materials.

Judge Rules Trailer Taxable

A trailer, though it has no motor, is a "motor vehicle". Furthermore, it is subject to taxes just as the family auto, according to Judge Paul Barnes, of Miami circuit court. Judge Barnes pointed out that inasmuch as a trailer is one form of an airplane, so a trailer is a form of automobile.

Paper In Ancient Times

Paper was made by the ancient Egyptians, the Greeks after Alexander, and later the Romans, by overlaying thin strips of the stem or pith of the papyrus plant at right angles. Soaking, pressing and drying followed.

Two men out of each million live to a ripe old age of 100. 2338

The Wheat Crown

Alberta Appears To Have A Corner On This Recognition

The world will have trouble in taking the wheat king's crown from Alberta. Francis Lloyd Rigby, who won the sceptre last year at the Chicago International Hay and Grain Show, carries it again this year. In the last 21 years of competition Canada has been victorious 17 times.

Mr. Rigby farms in the Wheat Belt district of the province, and is a worthy successor to Herman Treile, of the same neighborhood, who was a five-times wearer of the crown. Saskatchewan, Manitoba and British Columbia also have enjoyed this royal distinction, but with Alberta it seems to have become something of a habit.

Other crowns have come to Canada, the oak king also dwells on an Alberta farm, while the rye crown will rest for a year in British Columbia. In this respect the crown is an emblem of supremacy. This is a comparatively new grain in Canada, so far as the wheat is concerned, its demonstrated possibilities in industry make significant the fact that nothing better than the Canadian variety has been produced elsewhere and there is a superior sample anywhere it was not exhibited at the international show.

Canada did well at the Chicago show, as usual. Grand champion ribbons for other classes of exhibits including livestock, may have flown proudly in many parts of the country. There is nothing new in this; but it is well to stress the fact that in all farm produce the Dominion is prepared to compete with the world. It is well to stress the fact that demands upon Canadian soil, this is reassuring.—Toronto Globe and Mail.

Import Is Necessary

Canada's Production Of Red Clover Seed Less Than Requirements

Because Canada's requires about 1,000,000 pounds of red clover seed annually and Canadian production averages slightly over 600,000 pounds every year, it is necessary to import seed from other countries. The shortage is frequently increased by the export of Canadian seed. How well the imported seed stands Canadian winters depends on the country of origin, and consequently the Division of Forage Plants at the Central Experimental Farm at Ottawa tests all imported seed for hardiness. The results of the past 15 years show that over 20 per cent of red clover seed from the United States is winter-killed; over 23 per cent of the seed from Northern Europe; over 36 per cent from Great Britain, and over 50 per cent from Southern Europe. Under the same conditions, Canadian red clover seed is winter-killed less than 15 per cent.

In order to identify red clover seed in Canada, seed from South America, Italy, Africa, and Turkey must have 10 per cent of red; from the United States, one per cent; blue; from Great Britain, one per cent; and from Northern Europe, one per cent. Canadian-grown seed is not stained and may be identified accordingly.

Improvements in automobiles cannot furnish them with horse sense, so it is up to the driver to furnish it, and use it.

Bankers See Canada Well Prepared For War Demands

Bank of Montreal Reports Assets at New High Mark, With High Proportion Liquid

Canada's advantageous position as regards economic resources, agricultural and industrial productivity, and the soundness of its financial system, emphasized at the 122nd annual meeting of the Bank of Montreal and in this connection special significance attaches to the references of both Mr. Drummond and Jackson Dooda, joint general manager, to the expansion of the bank's assets to \$1,025,000,000, a new high in the bank's experience and a record for Canadian banking.

In his opening remarks Mr. Drummond declared that "our first aim must be to assist to the limit of our abilities in winning the war" and "in filling our role as a source of strength to Great Britain". He declared "we should see to it that there shall be no excessive profits". He urged that fair prices for wheat and other farm products be maintained and that the government should have the power to control the distribution of labor to prevent a vicious spiraling such as that in which the cost of living and wage rates endlessly pursued each other in the last war.

Government Controls

Referring to various measures of control by the government, looking to the more efficient prosecution of the war, Mr. Drummond suggested that all control regulations should be regarded as temporary expedients to be abolished at the earliest possible moment. He stressed the fact that the government should be saddling ourselves with a self-perpetuating bureaucratic machinery contrary to the true basis of democracy for which we are now fighting. He urged the adherence as far as practicable to a "pay-as-you-go" policy and curtailment of public expenditures, with sectional needs no longer given first place. He maintained two events as emphasizing the growth of national unity: these were the visit of Their Majesties and the recent election in the Province of Quebec in which the attitude of those with French

background had no definitely been demonstrated.

Assets and Commercial Loans
The bank's strong liquid position with quick assets of \$742,000,000, representing 73.29 per cent of all liabilities to the public, drew the special attention of Mr. Dooda in reporting for himself and his fellow general manager, G. W. Spencey. This ratio of quick assets he said did not indicate a reluctance on the part of the bank to make loans to business — a frequently heard claim — for unfortunately the bank's readiness to lend to creditworthy borrowers did not affect their disposition to apply for loans, the demand for commercial loans being dependent on the state of trade and the prospects of profitable uses of borrowed money.

Dealing further with this situation, Mr. Dooda stated that while the demand for commercial credit had thus remained on a relatively high level, the potential supply of credit had been increased as a result of the policy of monetary expansion which the Bank of Canada had pursued since its establishment in 1935. "We have consequently had no practical alternative to enlarging our holdings of securities. In this way, of course, the bank's assets have been the same as the central bank's policy effective."

As to business conditions he said the physical volume was consistently higher throughout the last year than in any parallel months in recent years. Dealing with the results of the bank's operations for the year covered by the report, he mentioned the increase in profits of \$84,000, the total for the year being \$5,482,000 after the payment of Dominion and Provincial taxes of \$1,198,000 an amount equal to over 41 per cent of the dividend payments to shareholders.

Improving Their Time

Lousome Wives In England Are Attending Technical Schools

Technical colleges in some parts of England are finding their classes enlarged by lousome wives who, when their husbands have been evaluated or whose husbands have gone to the war, the women find time hang heavily and they turn to the colleges not only for study but for the growing club atmosphere there. A case in point is the Southeast Essex Technical College, whose domestic science classes are now crowded with adult pupils. Cooking, housecraft, dressmaking and tailoring are the subjects in demand.

A Veteran Mountie

Frank W. McKenzie, 83-year-old pioneer who, as a member of the old North West Mounted Police, drove Queen Mary, then the Duchess of Cornwall and York about Banff, Alta., in 1901, when she and King George V. visited Canada, died recently at his home in Calgary.

The province of Honan, China, has a city called U.

Notices Are Official

Necessary To Protect Butterflies Of Monterey Area In California

Visitor writers to the famous Monterey Peninsula of California need not be surprised if they chance upon signs reading: "Any person caught molesting the butterflies will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law."

These notices are not a joke—they are official, and mean just what they say. For the butterflies are prized residents of the Monterey area, and the city of Pacific Grove, at the tip of the peninsula, has an ordinance guarding their welfare. So far as known, these are the only butterflies in the world with police protection.

There is a wonderful lot of truth in the old saying that "a still tongue makes a wise head."

Norway has enough grain to feed its people until the 1940 harvest.

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Altitude Affects Bees

Gentle At Sea Level They Turn Vicious At 7,200 Feet

Bees that are docile and meek at sea level become hot-tempered and vicious when released at high altitudes, experiments made by the College of Agriculture of the University of California indicate.

The best test occurred when a swarm of Caucasian bees were shipped from virtually sea level to the University of Wyoming at Laramie, which is at an altitude of 7,200 feet. The Caucasians here established themselves in California as an unusually gentle strain.

Within a week after their arrival at Laramie, Professor C. H. Gilbert of Wyoming University reported, they had become most violent and vicious.

Rice is grown more widely and used more extensively than any other foodstuff.

Canadian butter exports amounted to 5,128,000 pounds in 1934.

No man marries a woman unless she has a dowry in Ceylon.

More than half of the world's population live on the continent of Asia.

OTTAWA HOUSE CALLED TO MEET ON JANUARY 25

Ottawa.—The sixth and last session of Canada's 13th parliament since Confederation has been called to meet Jan. 25. Prime Minister Mackenzie King announced. This is two weeks later than has generally been expected. It was explained at the prime minister's office that the government had been so pre-occupied with matters concerning the war, including the empire air training scheme, that it had been impossible to get ready for an earlier opening.

Unless progress of the war and public opinion in Canada leads to some other alternative this will be the last session before a general election. It is believed a general election on party lines will be held next summer, soon after prorogation.

In some quarters there is talk of a union government such as was formed when a general election occurred during the first Great War. But opinion in Ottawa seems to point to a normal political campaign when the time comes.

The present parliament was elected in October, 1935, and, counting the special emergency session of last September, this will be the sixth formal opening.

According to statute each parliament may remain in office five years with six months extra for election of a new parliament. But should it if it desires the present parliament could delay an election until April, 1941.

But it has been the practice to go to the country after four years in office and on occasions when a government has remained in office for five annual sessions the general election has been called as soon as convenient after the last parliamentary session.

Canada's war effort will be the theme of the forthcoming session and it is expected much of the session will be devoted to the contracts which the government is expected to take immediately after the opening.

It is also expected the report of the royal commission on Dominion-provincial relations will be among the first documents to be laid on the table. This report is understood to be now in the hands of the printers.

Hon. R. J. Manion, Conservative leader, has given notice he will raise the issue of alleged patronage in the award of war contracts and appointments.

When the Liberal party came to power in October, 1935, it was with a following of 178 in a house of 245 members.

Few parliamentarians have been so stricken by death in such a short period as the present one. More than a score of members have died and other vacancies have resulted from resignations.

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Bacon And Hog Board

New Board To Be Headed By Hon. J. G. Taggart

Saskatoon.—A new bacon and hog board, headed by Hon. J. G. Taggart, Saskatchewan minister of agriculture, and having one member from Quebec and one from Ontario, will be set up by the federal government in connection with the marketing of the 280,000,000 pounds of bacon, which the Canadian government has agreed to purchase from Canada in 1940. Hon. J. G. Gardiner, federal minister of agriculture, announced.

Mr. Gardiner also announced that an advisory committee composed chiefly of producers, would be established to work with the bacon board. It was the intention of the government, by means of these bodies and the price spread board, under the department of labor, to give the producer protection from speculation and also provide him with an assured market and better prices than he might otherwise have obtained. In view of the depressed prices for bacon in the United States.

Will Make Tests Later

Edmonton.—Francis Lloyd Rigby, 21-year-old University of Alberta agricultural student twice crowned world wheat champion, said he will not embark on a series of laboratory tests to determine the effect of the use of Peace River wheat until after he has been graduated.

Order More Bombers

Britain And France Place Orders With American Firms

New York.—Representatives of the British air ministry signed a contract with the Lockheed Aircraft Corp., of Burbank, Calif., for 200 "48-hour" bombers at a cost of "almost \$20,000,000."

Scores of the same type of bomber, ordered by the British prior to the start of the war, have been used both for off-shore patrol duty and for leaflet "raids" over Germany.

At the same time, it was learned the French air ministry had ordered 270 additional bi-motored bombers from the Douglas Aircraft Company of Santa Monica, Calif., at an unspecified cost.

The French ordered 100 of the Douglasses, described as having speeds "well in excess" of 300 miles-an-hour, prior to the war.

Several other contracts for United States pursuit, training and other types of planes are now in the negotiation stage.

The Hudson type bombers will be powered with two 1,600-horsepower Wright Cyclone engines, super-charged for operation up to 30,000 feet. The British have requested the right to install Cyclone 1,200-horsepower engines in the second 100 if they so desire.

The Douglas machines, unique in the bomber category in that they have a retractable gear with a retractable nose wheel, will be equipped with Pratt and Whitney 900-horsepower engines. Their full-load "ceiling" is more than 24,000 feet.

An Interesting Broadcast

Fine Program Will Conclude With King's Message To Empire

London.—A young air pilot in training in Canada, a New Zealand farmer, an Australian woman munitions worker and a naval ratings from Malaya will be heard describing their work in defence of the Empire in a Christmas day "Home in the Empire" broadcast, it was announced.

Details of the program that will precede the King's message to the Empire, the British Broadcasting Company said that listeners in Canada will be the world first to be taken across the English Channel to a hospital behind the lines of the frontiers.

It is hoped to include an exchange of greetings with French troops and greetings from the British Empire Broadcasting company said. After the visit to France the B.B.C. microphone will give a brief call to the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force before starting westward across the Atlantic.

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Air Privileges

Equal Rights For T.C.A. Is Sought By Ottawa Officials

Ottawa.—Negotiations between the United States and Canadian air authorities for reciprocal franchise rights for international air traffic between the two countries have been under way for some time and a hearing will take place shortly in Washington on "Trans-Canada Airlines" application for a franchise with the United States, said Hon. C. D. Howe, transport minister.

Position of the Canadian government is that if United States airlines are to operate from U.S. points into Canada, Canadian lines should enjoy the same rights in United States.

Was Home On Leave

Aviator Who Came Safe Through Raid Killed In Blackout

London.—Leading Aircraftman John Naylor, 19, came safely through one of the daring raids by the Royal Air Force on the German Heligoland naval base.

Granted a few days' leave, young Naylor dashed home to Marlow, Buckinghamshire, to show his parents a piece of wreckage which struck his plane during the attack.

In a blackout he was killed when his car collided with another in Basing Road.

AIR PATROL TO PREVENT GERMAN MINE LAYING

Something interesting is happening in the war, the air and more interesting things may happen shortly. The Royal Air Force "security patrol" on Heligoland is for the purpose of keeping German mine-laying aircraft out of the skies may lead to a real test of strength in the air.

The patrols are Great Britain's latest answer to the magnetic mines, had also been given German aircraft. If they are effective in keeping German mine-laying aircraft from performing their functions the enemy can be expected to try to do something about them.

Apparently the British aircraft fly high enough to keep out of effective range of anti-aircraft guns. The mine-laying planes used by the Germans are probably heavy bombers of bomber type, built to fly long distances and carry heavy loads, no match for the fast fighters of the Royal Air Force in combat.

They could be driven off only by fast fighters, like themselves. In air fighting so far, British fighters have had the edge on German fighters because of greater maneuverability.

Most of the air clashes to date, however, have involved only a few light aircraft on either side. The bigger air battles have been attacks by bombers on London.

If the Germans should concentrate large numbers of fighting aircraft in the vicinity of Heligoland, it might be a view to attacking the waves of British patrol aircraft, a major air battle with a large number of aircraft on each side involved probably would be the result.

Possibly this may be one of the first battles in the air, convinced the superiority of their own aircraft will give them an advantage.

LORD NUFFIELD TAKES OVER NEW DUTIES

London.—A South African woman who wishes her identity kept secret has donated a mobile X-ray whose value is approximately \$2,000 (about \$12,000) to the Royal Army Medical Corps, the war office announced. The unit can be put into operation at any point since it furnishes its own electrical current.

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MAJOR ROOSEVELT



Son of the late President of the United States, Kermit Roosevelt now is a major in the British army. Roosevelt became a British citizen in order to enlist in war service.

Heavy Duties

War Aids To Responsibilities Of Vincent Massey

London.—The many new responsibilities to the lead High Commissioner Vincent Massey carries on behalf of Canada and his fellow citizens living or visiting in Great Britain.

Although London's practical abandonment of social life has relieved him of many luncheons, dinners and speeches, Mr. Massey finds himself so busy in the daytime that he has to take work home with him at night. He has made it a point to keep up his extensive private correspondence and read his Canadian newspapers.

Occasionally he finds time for a game of golf with Mrs. Massey, who is working almost as hard. That is about the only recreation they get.

Would Salute Flag

Edmonton Public School Board Urged To Approve Ceremony

Edmonton.—Edmonton's public school board has before it a motion submitted by Trustee Mrs. E. R. Horning, urging the board's approval of a ceremony of saluting the Union Jack and reciting the pledge of allegiance daily in public schools.

Mrs. Rose also asks that the board request co-operation of teachers in arranging that the pupils be given leadership and direction regularly in saluting the flag and in reciting the pledge: "I salute the flag the emblem of our country, and to her I pledge my love and loyalty."

Donates X-Ray Unit

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Spain May Have Monarchy

Reported Second Son Of Ex-King Alfonso May Ascend Throne

London. The tabloid Daily Sketch predicted that within the next two weeks a Bourbon king will sit once more on the throne of Spain.

The paper said it had the "highest authority" for stating that Don Juan of Asturias, second son of ex-King Alfonso, would ascend the throne.

A limited monarchy would be set up with all Spanish parties participating in a constitutional government, the paper said. Moderate republican parties would be restored to legality and all exiled Spaniards permitted to return under this plan.

Diminutive Soldier

Highlander Claims To Be Smallest Man In Armed Forces

Vancouver. Alongside the claim of a Montreal corporal to the highest feet in the Canadian army may be placed the belief of Private Richard Barrett, that he will be the shortest member of the Dominion's expeditionary force.

Barrett, a youthful member of the Scottish Highlands is five-foot-one in height.

The Montreal claimant to the big-foot distinction is Corporal C. A. Mallette of the Canadian Dental Corps. His boots are size 15.

BRITISH CRUISERS ENGAGE RAIDER IN A STIFF FIGHT

Montevideo, Uruguay.—A 14-hour running sea battle between three British cruisers and the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee ended when the badly battered German fled to refuge in neutral Montevideo harbor with 36 of her crew killed and 60 injured.

Returning from a visit aboard the ship, the crew said the dead included a lieutenant and the wounded the commander of the ship. The public relations officers were not to be serious.

The disclosure of the battleship's identity was the first definite word that the Graf Spee had been operating in the Atlantic Sea, the Admiral Scherer and the Deutschland, the other two pocket battleships. The specifications of the three ships are identical.

The British victory was not without its casualties, however, for of its admiralty in London admitted one of its three cruisers, the fast 8,200-ton Exeter, had been put out of action after four hours of the fight.

The battered warrior, which had been pelted by the Atlantic shipping since September when she sank the British merchantman Clement, and chanced upon the British cruiser Exeter, just after dawn.

The Graf Spee rushed to the attack, but was momentarily repulsed by the high guns of the Exeter, Ajax, and then found herself engaged in combat with three British warships.

The Exeter and the Achilles came up to the Graf Spee's six-inch artillery and the Exeter's eight-inch Exeter gave in volleys after volleys.

The Graf Spee apparently found the Exeter's guns particularly damaging, for she turned her attention away from the rest of the pack and devoted her batteries exclusively to the Exeter.

As a result the Exeter was caused some stress, and compelled to quit the battle. Meanwhile, the Formosa attempted to make good her escape.

But although the target of the three British ships was thus forced out by damage to her side, the other two continued to concentrate their fire on the Graf Spee, and she took to her heels.

Although failed to outrun battleships and to outrun cruisers, the 6,200-ton Graf Spee found herself overtaken by the 325-knot Ajax and Achilles.

The two lighter cruisers with their eight six-inch guns apiece also were able to throw steel almost on equal terms with the Graf Spee with its heavier six 11-inch guns.

Observers at Punta del Este, looking on from the Uruguayan coast, saw the engagement, with the Graf Spee fleeing in a southwesterly direction in evident search of a haven.

Her guns were still blazing, while her enemies' cannonading continued relentlessly, smoke from their funnels leaving a trail across the horizon as they put on forced draft to circle and manoeuvre.

Armored almost as heavily on her sides as the Graf Spee but with lighter protection for their gun turrets, the Exeter and the Achilles brought up in Montevideo harbor.

SAYS BRITAIN SHOULD FURNISH AID TO FINLAND

London.—Prime Minister Chamberlain declared today that the gallant action of "three comparatively small British ships against a much more heavily armed adversary" probably would have attracted the evil eye from depredations of the German raider Admiral Graf Spee.

Leading the League of Nations action in condemning Russia for the invasion of Finland, Mr. Chamberlain told the House of Commons that "Germany alone among the nations even now is abetting by word and deed the Russian aggression."

"We must give what help and support we can to the latest victims of the German aggression," the prime minister said, "but meanwhile it is only by concentrating on our task of resistance to German aggression and thus attacking the evil at its root that we can hope to save the nations of Europe from the fate which otherwise must overtake them."

He told the house that a battle of "severe character" had been fought in the Atlantic Ocean, that the British Admiral Graf Spee and the British cruisers Exeter, Achilles, and Ajax, "but the Exeter had been forced out of the fight."

"Two six-inch gun cruisers continued the pursuit," he said, "and the Exeter, which was damaged, but was able to return to port."

"The British victory was not without its casualties, however, for of its admiralty in London admitted one of its three cruisers, the fast 8,200-ton Exeter, had been put out of action after four hours of the fight."

The battered warrior, which had been pelted by the Atlantic shipping since September when she sank the British merchantman Clement, and chanced upon the British cruiser Exeter, just after dawn.

The Graf Spee rushed to the attack, but was momentarily repulsed by the high guns of the Exeter, Ajax, and then found herself engaged in combat with three British warships.

The Exeter and the Achilles came up to the Graf Spee's six-inch artillery and the Exeter's eight-inch Exeter gave in volleys after volleys.

The Graf Spee apparently found the Exeter's guns particularly damaging, for she turned her attention away from the rest of the pack and devoted her batteries exclusively to the Exeter.

As a result the Exeter was caused some stress, and compelled to quit the battle. Meanwhile, the Formosa attempted to make good her escape.

But although the target of the three British ships was thus forced out by damage to her side, the other two continued to concentrate their fire on the Graf Spee, and she took to her heels.

Although failed to outrun battleships and to outrun cruisers, the 6,200-ton Graf Spee found herself overtaken by the 325-knot Ajax and Achilles.

The two lighter cruisers with their eight six-inch guns apiece also were able to throw steel almost on equal terms with the Graf Spee with its heavier six 11-inch guns.

Observers at Punta del Este, looking on from the Uruguayan coast, saw the engagement, with the Graf Spee fleeing in a southwesterly direction in evident search of a haven.

Her guns were still blazing, while her enemies' cannonading continued relentlessly, smoke from their funnels leaving a trail across the horizon as they put on forced draft to circle and manoeuvre.

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Every Idea Examined

British Invention Board Takes No Chances On Missing Out On Devices

During the war years someone offered the British government a chemical which, he said, would freeze clouds solid. Guns could then be mounted on the clouds, to ward off airplane attacks.

So many ideas of this speculative variety were sent in that the authorities got to skimming them over hurriedly, perhaps missing a few that had some actual value. The story is still current in Britain that in 1915 a general submitted a device for plotting the course of attacking aircraft to increase the accuracy of anti-aircraft fire. In 1915 he was finally permitted to demonstrate, and the gadget performed so effectively for altitudes up to 15,000 feet that it was adopted forthwith, helped to repel the last big German air raid of the war.

In World War II, the British are taking no chances of missing the useful needs among the preposterous stores of the haystack. The Ministry of Supply an Invention Board has been set up to collect and consider not only ideas coming directly to Government departments, but also those sent to manufacturers who have found their influx of suggestions quadrupled since the war started. Some British ideas:

Decoy lighting to deceive enemy airplane pilots.

Artillery shells which, on landing, would open and release venomous snakes.

Artillery shells filled with gravel which would spray muddy terrain No Man's Land, make good footing for attacking infantry.

Training sea gulls to spot submarines. (During War I, the British did try to train seals to hunt submarines.)

A huge beam of "black light" to block out the moon, thus deny moonlight to nocturnal air raiders. — News magazine Time.

Scots Won Out

Will Be Allowed To Fight In Their Native Dress

The London correspondent of the Ottawa Journal, says:

Scotland has won the first big battle of this war.

At the War Office are certain military highbrows who affect to scorn what they regard as barbarous survivals. They proposed—as they did last war, without success—to abolish the Highland kilts. They had two flanks to their frontal attack on the treasured "garb of Old Gaul." First, that it is an antiquated garment totally unsuitable to modern campaigning. Which is entirely erroneous so far as the unsuitability is concerned; a kilt is the most comfortable wear in the world. Second, that there is a shortage of tartan material; which is, or was, partly true.

But the Scots—Lowlanders even—have gone right over the top about any such damnable innovation, and, thanks a little to Scots representation in the Cabinet and also to Viscount Gort, V.C., our C-in-C, the pseudo-highbrows have been handsomely defeated. Our fighting Jocks have gone to the war in their proper uniform. And the Government will find that the ladies from Hell are just as hot stuff as ever.

Some More Economies

Radio Announcer in Germany Tells How To Save Lives

A woman announcer at the Berlin radio recently advised German women to practice the utmost economy with soap, towels, bedclothes and other domestic linen.

"It is not necessary to use pillow cases," said the announcer. "Just put the pillow under the sheet without any cases. That will do just as well."

"And it is not necessary to dry your dishes. Wash them well and let them dry in the air. That will economize on tea cloths."

"Why use tablecloths in peasant households? Peasants formerly used to eat off the table. Let them do so again."

No New Discovery

Professor J. H. R. Haldane, distinguished scientist, doesn't expect a super-explosive will be discovered during the present war. He said in a lecture at London that it is "significant there has been no fundamental advance in the design of explosives in the last 20 years."

According to estimates, in England one in every 100 persons over the age of 40 suffers from rheumatism.

Paraffin wax can be made harder than steel by subjecting it to a pressure of 200,000 pounds a square inch.

English Channel Tunnel

Undertaking Halted 60 Years Ago For Fear Of French Invasion

Construction of the long-discontinued tunnel under the English Channel, linking Great Britain and France is likely to be one of the first allied post-war undertakings, the French public works minister, Anatole de Monzie, disclosed.

Addressing the chamber of deputies during debate on his ministry's budget, De Monzie said the French government during recent days had obtained a promise of support "in principle" for the scheme from a "high British personage." He would not reveal who that person was.

He also announced the French government was taking the first step toward building a railway across the Sahara desert by constructing a trunk line to tap the Manazra mines in French North Africa.

"I cannot promise you that I am going to construct a tunnel under the channel and a trans-Sahara railway," the minister said. "However, I willingly concede that it is necessary to consider the post-war period and that there is sound reason for placing the tunnel at the top of the list of great works to be undertaken at that time. During recent days I received a promise of support in principle for this plan from a high British personage, who has cherished this idea."

"Regarding the trans-Sahara railway, my contribution can consist only in construction of the trunk destined to facilitate exploitation of the Manazra mines. However, this plan is in process of realization and will have favorable results in the economic development of our North African regions."

With British and French heads tightened by the stress of war, interest in the tunnel scheme has mounted on both sides of the channel during recent weeks.

Construction of such an under-sea railway actually was started more than 60 years ago but was halted by the protests of Victorian isolationists who feared a French invasion.

Raoul Dautry, French transport specialist and former director of the French state railways, has listed the following arguments in its favor:

1. The nature of the subsoil would make its construction relatively easy.

2. Its cost, estimated at about 5,000,000 francs (about \$100,000,000), would be less than the money needed to build three ships of the line.

3. In case of war 150 trains could go through each way daily, transporting two divisions with full equipment.

Has No Connection

Authority On Influenza Says It Is Not Linked With War

In an interview released by the United Hospital Campaign, Dr. Thomas Francis, Jr., authority on influenza and formerly associated with the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, declared that there was no evidence of any connection between influenza and war. "I believe," he said, "that the epidemic of 1918 occurred during wartime by pure coincidence. Look at the American Civil War. For four years men were killed and they looked together in camps at a time when we had no such things as disinfectants or antiseptics. Yet there was no influenza. On the other hand, in the epidemic of 1917 and of 1918 and many others there were no wars."

South Africa has taken over all the molasses in the country to be used as ration for its defense troops.

THE MASTER MINDS BEHIND THE ROYAL NAVY



Taken at a meeting of the Board of the Admiralty in session at the Admiralty, this photograph shows the master minds who guide the destinies of the Royal Navy. Left to right around the table are: Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare, M.P.; Rear-Admiral H. M. Burroughs; Vice-Admiral T. S. V. Phillips; Admiral of the Fleet Sir D. Pound; Sir Sidney Barnes; Mr. Winston Churchill; Sir Archibald Carter; Admiral Sir Charles Little; Rear-Admiral R. A. Fraser; Rear-Admiral G. S. Arbuthnot; and Captain A. U. M. Hudson, M.P.

A Great Time Saver

Value Of Trans-Canada Airlines To Business Is Apparent

It may be we are slow to realize the extent to which Trans-Canada Air Lines has revolutionized communications in this country. Distance literally has been conquered when one can leave Ottawa to-night and have luncheon to-morrow in Vancouver. The post office department sends us a gay circular to make it plain that this transformation applies to His Majesty's mails quite as effectively as to His Majesty's subjects.

It is a long, long step from the old days when letters went by stage coach. Nowadays, air-mail letters go from Ottawa to Montreal in 50 minutes, to Toronto in an hour and 45 minutes, to Winnipeg in seven hours and 20 minutes, to Saskatoon in 10 hours and 50 minutes, to Victoria in 14 hours and 40 minutes, to other points in Canada and the United States with corresponding speed. These are elapsed times from airport to airport. To them must be added a reasonable allowance for delivery and handling at one end, collection at the other, and still there is a startling saving over old systems, particularly if the "special delivery" stamp is also availed of.

Day and night, "faster than the wind," at more than three miles a minute, Trans-Canada planes serve Canada. Nothing is more certain than that there will develop off the main line of Trans-Canada branches reaching into parts of the country not so served. What this all means to business, to social contacts, need not be emphasized—it is apparent.—Ottawa Journal.

Missed His Train

Although Pilot Made Very Speedy Trip From The Yukon

Pilot Gordon Lock of the Yukon Southern Air Transport was taking a good-natured razzing from his fellow fliers. He made what was believed to be the fastest long distance flight in northern history to catch a train—and he missed it. The pilot took off from Whitehorse in the Yukon in an attempt to get his mail load aboard a train at Kamloops, B.C. He covered the 1,100 miles in four hours and 45 minutes at an average speed of 231 miles an hour. But the train had pulled out of the station when he landed.

Should Look To Future

Lord Tweedmouth Urges Canadians To Study After War Problems

Canadians must seriously address themselves to thinking out certain problems that will come with the war's end, Governor-General Lord Tweedmouth said in an address to the executive committee of the Canadian General Council of the Boy Scouts Association at Ottawa.

"After the last war we were too late," said His Excellency. Boy Scout training should be related to the solving of youth problems at the end of hostilities.

Canada's future was in the air, he said. "Close unity of Canada is largely a matter of the air—of aeroplanes and radio. At the end of the war Canada will be at the very top of the air in the world."

Gratification was expressed by His Excellency that Scout membership in Canada had passed the 100,000 mark, an objective he set when he became Chief Scout as he began his term as Governor-General of Canada.

Liquid History

Is What British Cabinet Minister Called The Thames River

Rt. Hon. John Burns, the first working man to attain Cabinet rank in Britain, recently celebrated his 81st birthday. As a matter of respect he has had few equals. When asked how he reconciled his acceptance of a Ministerial salary of £2,000 a year with a former declaration that no man should have more than £200, he retorted: "That's the trade union wage for the job. You have me a blackleg!" He has long had a great love and knowledge of London. Once when showing a party of Americans round town one of them remarked that the Mississippi was a much larger river than the Thames, and that, in fact, the Thames was not a river at all. "The Mississippi is a river," agreed Mr. Burns, "but the Thames is liquid history."

Sperm whales have a left nostril only. For some unaccountable reason, the right nostril and its passage have become suppressed.

We've been using the same clock 15 years and every day we find a new place on it to lose something.

Three Democratic Kings

Rulers Of Norway, Denmark And Sweden Are Tall Men

Commenting on the three kings who recently met in Stockholm to talk over their common problems, a writer in the London Daily Sketch observes that all three are very tall men. King Christian of Denmark, who figures towers to a regal height of six feet nine inches. His brother, King Haakon, of Norway, is the slighest of the three and he refuses to be attended by plain-clothes men or royal guards. He began his career in a democratic way—as a cadet in a Danish warship, scrubbing the decks like any ordinary sailor. King Haakon gets a modest grant of £15,000 a year from the Norwegian State.

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Eskimo Live Peacefully

Natives Of Northern Canada Know Nothing About War

With Canada at war there are some 7,000 arctic "pacifists" in the northern regions of the Dominion, completely aloof from the war effort. As a matter of fact, the Eskimo population knows nothing about the war and, literally, is probably the world's most unwarlike race, according to two outstanding authorities on those northern people.

The Eskimos, say Major D. L. McKend, chief of the Dominion Government's annual Eastern Arctic patrol, and Right Rev. A. L. Fleming, Anglican Bishop of the Arctic, are survivors of the patriarchal age, and because they have no tribes, they have no nationalism.

Eskimo life is based on the family unit rather than on the tribal unit. Eskimos live in small groups, moving about the vast expanse of snow, ice and tundra. Their quarrels are family disputes rather than clashes of rivalry between different tribes or different peoples. An Eskimo just cannot understand war, and is a pacifist of temperament and tradition.

The war holds few fears for the Eskimo. His natural habitat is unlikely to become a battlefield, since Arctic ice flows could defeat the most and destroy the most powerful navy, and the biting cold and the shifting snow drifts could rout an army. There is no forage for soldiers, no fuel for the war effort.

War touches the Eskimo neither only in a way he cannot understand nor in a way he cannot accept. He is far from the white trader in wartime to exchange it for such necessities as life as matches, rifle, ammunition, and other household goods. It is beyond his understanding to find that he must give more furs than usual for the same goods in return. He knows nothing of a wartime decline in world fur markets and a sharp increase in commodity prices. At present, far prices are holding up pretty well, while commodity prices are rising. Some distress may be feared for the Eskimo if the price of fur, his one stock in trade, should drop.

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Missed Her Work

Life In Grouse Affected Health Of German War Worker

She served her country loyally throughout four years of war and in peace performed her war work so ably, loving her work so much that when she became too old for active service and was retired, her heart broke and resulted in ill health made it necessary to shoot her.

That is the story of Jenny, the daughter who fought with the German army on the Western Front in the last war. The high spot of her career was the time when she was awarded the Iron Cross for her part in the Big Bertha gun into position 75 miles from the French capital.

After the war she was returned to the Saarland Circle where she gave regular performances for more than 20 years and helped to move circus equipment between shows. This year, when the circus began its scheduled road trip, Jenny was left behind. She was given to the Berlin zoo because she was considered too old to bear the rigors of the trip and the heavy loads in the zoo she played away and it is said her grief affected her nervous system and heart to such a degree that it was necessary to shoot her.

A Good Answer

When Benjamin Franklin proposed in May, 1787, that the session of the Constitutional Convention be opened with prayer, he was asked to explain the reason for his request. "If a sparrow cannot fall without God's knowledge," replied the great philosopher-statesman, "how can an empire rise without His aid?"

Just One Example

One automobile works now produces in a single day as many trucks as the entire British army possessed when war broke out in 1914. It was cited as one of the most striking examples of the manner in which the production of adjusting peacetime industry to wartime purposes has been solved.


Pedestrians in Shanghai, China, have been warned that if they break the new traffic rules they will be fined.



These interesting pictures show the "U-boat hotel" in Northern England, to which captured German sailors and airmen are sent for safe keeping. Barbed wire entanglements are stretched about the place. Life in camp is not unpleasant, as shown in the sea picture.

By
GEORGE
MARSH

"He says he's starving and alone



NOBODY

Editor's note: If you like the sort of article write your approval to Winnipeg Newspaper Union, 300 Dermot Ave, Winnipeg, and we'll try to get you more.

Turkey's military power, he said in an interview, would be a deciding influence in the ultimate balance of power in the Mediterranean. He

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FREUDENTHAL CHURCH—

Dec. 25, 7 p.m.—C. H. T. mas program by the Sunday school.

Sunday, Dec. 24, 10 a.m.—Sunday School and election of the new teachers.

11 a.m.—8:30 p.m.—"Christian Joy"—Phil. 4:4.

Dec. 26, Evening—A Christmas Social by the B.Y.P.U.

Dec. 28, evening—Teacher and committee meeting.

ZION CHURCH—

Sunday, Dec. 24, 7 p.m.—Christmas program by the Zion Sunday school.

Dec. 25, 11 a.m.—Christmas sermon. Both choirs will sing.

Dec. 27, 4 p.m.—Christmas election.

7 p.m.—Choir rehearsal and B.Y.P.U. election.

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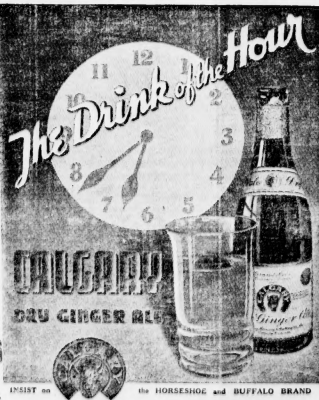
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LOCAL NEWS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Perry Johnson on Christmas on Monday, December 11, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Sandford and son, Larry, returned to their home near Beakery on Sunday after a week's visit with friends in Carbon.

There are still a number of cases of whooping cough throughout the district.

Mrs. N. Ramsay, who has been visiting at Craigmyle with Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Ramsay, returned to Carbon Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Thorburn expect to leave today for Nelson where they will spend Christmas with Molly Laing, who was married recently.

Miss Marjorie Leitch entertained her Sunday School class at a Christmas party on Friday evening last.

The hill leading north east from town is being gravelled this week. The municipality has also straightened out the grade on the south side of the hill in the Gullyway McCracken coulees on the Three Hills creek.

Larry Ness of Drumheller was a Carbon visitor Sunday.

New automatic coal stokers were installed this week in the Farmers Exchange and the S.J. Garrett residence.

Mrs. C. Olyphant entertained her G.I.T. Group at a Christmas party on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Syd Wright and Wray were Calgary visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Graddock and John were Calgary visitors Monday. Mr. Graddock is taking delivery of a new Chrysler Royal sedan, purchased from S.W.'s Service Station.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

The following services will be held in the Bethel Baptist Church:

Sunday, December 24th—

10 a.m.—Sunday School.

11 a.m.—Service.

7 p.m.—Service.

Monday, December 25—

11 a.m.—Service. Topic: "The Christ Child of 1939 and His Message."

7 p.m.—Sunday School program.

Tuesday, December 26—7 p.m.

Yearly business meeting of church.

Wednesday, December 27—7 p.m.

B.Y.P.U. Officers Election.

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